

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 842

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 13279.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to refugee assistance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 842, as introduced, Arambula. Federal refugee cash assistance funds: county transfers.

Existing federal law, the federal Refugee Act of 1980, provides for funding of refugee employment training and placement, English language training, and cash assistance.

Existing law requires each county to administer refugee employment social services funds and funds received pursuant to the Refugee Targeted Assistance program according to a plan or plans developed by the county and approved by the department.

This bill would require that if a refugee receiving cash assistance from the county from funds received under the federal Refugee Act of 1980 moves to another county eligible to receive those funds, the county from which the refugee moves shall transfer a proportionate share of those funds to the receiving county.

To the extent this bill would result in an increase in the responsibilities of counties in the administration of those funds, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13279.5 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 13279.5. If a refugee receiving cash assistance from the
4 county from funds received under the federal Refugee Act of
5 1980 moves to another county eligible to receive those funds, the
6 county from which the refugee moves shall transfer a
7 proportionate share of those funds to the receiving county.
8 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
9 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
10 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
11 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
12 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.